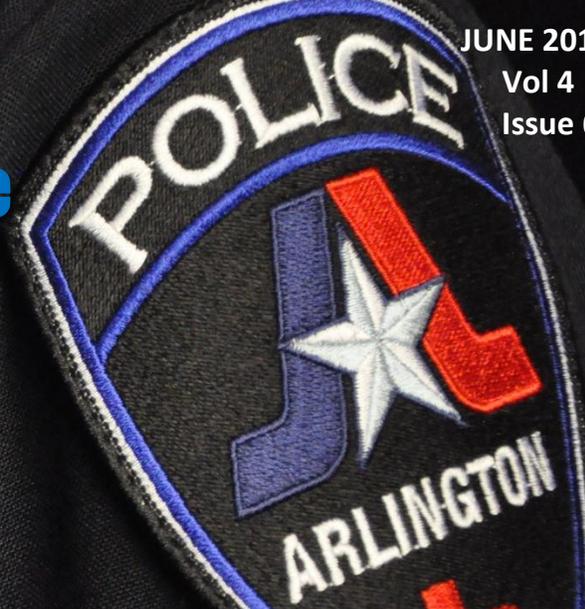


On Call Inside the Blue



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More Than Basketball, Students Prepare for The Future

Inside the gymnasium of a north Arlington church, teens from Lamar High School took a step closer to their future.

At The Rec, close to 100 students found more than afternoon snacks, recreation and shelter from the heat inside the North Davis Church of Christ.

This year's activities inspired more teens to start thinking about the future.

"We wanted to see the kids doing more than playing basketball," said Lt. Thedrick Andres.

Together with North Patrol Sergeant Karen Standback, officers worked with church staff to expand after school activities. They reached out to area businesses.

The community response was great, said Bailee Searcey, a Youth Minister Apprentice at the church.

"The classes opened their eyes to what they can be doing now to prepare for their future," she said.

On the upper level, the Allied Federal Credit Union taught students how to open a checking account and manage money.

The following week, another class put the focus on resume writing.

On April 28, a job fair at The Rec exposed teens to summer employment opportunities. Some of the employers included the Texas Rangers, Six Flags Over Texas, Hurricane Harbor, Dairy Queen and the City of Arlington Parks and Recreation Department.

The Rec ended with a friendly game of basketball with APD officers.

Organizers are already looking ahead to a new school year with more opportunities to get students thinking and planning for their future. The North Davis Church of Christ is located at 1601 N. Davis Drive in Arlington.



The Rec is more than a safe place for Lamar High School students to gather after school. This year, special classes helped students to prepare for the future.



Summer Tourism in Arlington: It's a Great Time to Volunteer!

More volunteers are signing up to partner with their police department this summer.

A new pilot program called Arlington Ambassadors in Motion is deploying volunteers to fun places to help make the summer experience safer for everyone.

Volunteers are now on patrol in Lincoln Square, a popular tourism destination for shopping and dining.

Volunteers also have a visible presence in the downtown area at the Levitt Pavilion where crowds gather for free music concerts under the stars.

"It's a great time to volunteer," said Sergeant Jakisha Jones with the APD Entertainment District Tourism Unit.

To date, volunteers have dedicated close to 100 hours to the program.

Through this initiative, EDTU officers train volunteers on how to report suspicious and illegal activity.

Knowledgeable about their city, they provide directions and can also suggest great things to see and do in Arlington.

To volunteer, see the "Get Involved" section on the APD webpage and click on the green Volunteer Now button.



The spirit of volunteerism is up this summer. The new Ambassadors in Motion program started last month as a pilot in the areas of Lincoln Square and downtown Arlington. (Above) Volunteers take a break with Officers Ben St. John and Ruben Hillard at Founder's Plaza.



On Call NORTH DISTRICT

YOUTH CORNER

NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES

PAL Camp 2016 is underway! Week-long summer day camps are designed for students, ages 12 to 14, who will be entering the eighth and ninth grades this Fall. Activities expose campers to lessons in effective communication, respect, responsibility, trust and citizenship. The goal is to serve 160 youths. PAL Camp is summer fun everyone. Space is available. Email us. Click [here](#).



PAL CAMP 2016

July 18-22
August 1-5

Officers Sharpen Skills and Raise Funds for a Great Cause

The Arlington Police Department was proud to register and participate in the Seventh Annual Sporting Clay Shoot Tournament benefiting environmental education and our River Legacy Foundation.

A team of APD female officers was assembled for the competition. These officers were able to put their skills and training to work for this great day of fun at the Ellis County Sportsman's Club in Waxahachie.

The competition included 12 shoot variations and close to

200 competitors, including a team of Arlington firefighters. Our own Police Chief Will Johnson also joined the excitement. The funds we raised from this event will go to the River Legacy Foundation whose mission is to preserve and enhance the land along the Trinity River and its tributaries.

The Foundation works with our Parks and Recreation Department to provide funding for the preservation and expansion of River Legacy Parks, a popular recreational destination for youth and families.

This Clay Shoot was a great opportunity for us to sharpen our skills and bond as officers in the great outdoors. We're looking forward to next year's competition.



Joined by Police Chief Will Johnson, these officers were the only female team assembled for the morning Clay Shoot. (left to right) Detective Angie Franco, Crime Prevention Officer Natalia Aumedes, Crime Prevention Officer Kimberly Fretwell and Media Sergeant VaNessa Harrison.



Watch for a new crime prevention highlight every month from the North Police District. Contact Crime Prevention Officer Kimberly Fretwell at 817-459-5589 or Kim.Fretwell@Arlingtontx.gov.

On Call SOUTH DISTRICT



APD will partner with Safe Kids of Tarrant County for FREE child seat inspections from 10 a.m. to Noon on **TUESDAY, JULY 19** at Fire Station #9, 909 Wimbledon Drive.

Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association Makes APD #1

The Arlington Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association recently hosted its Third Annual Golf Tournament at the Tierra Verde Golf Course, located in the South Police District.

ACPAAA members welcomed more than 90 golfers. Twenty-eight of them were Arlington police officers.

The golf tournament committee logged many volunteer hours to plan this fundraiser, which benefits the police department.

Because of their hard work, overall participation increased by 25 percent. Fundraising also increased 50 percent over last year.

Earlier in the month, during three consecutive days, this same team of volunteers prepared and sold thousands of hot dogs and cold drinks during their annual fundraiser with Fry's Electronics. This event continues to be a popular treat for officers and the community who stops by to support us.

Both of these events demonstrate how our success as a department is strengthened by the support we receive from our alumni groups and citizen partners. Thanks for all you do.



This committee of citizen volunteers helped to stage two successful fundraisers in May. Proceeds from both events help to support the mission of the Arlington Police Department. Thank you!



NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS for the Fall 2016 Arlington Citizens Police Academy! Click [here](#) to apply or call Officer Tim Hayden at 817-459-6468.

Watch for a new crime prevention highlight every month from the South Police District. Contact Crime Prevention Officer Timothy Hayden at 817-459-6468 or Timothy.Hayden@Arlingtontx.gov.

On Call EAST DISTRICT

Community Event Promotes Culture, Health and Safety

The East Police District recently combined outreach efforts to host a successful community event at the Ben Thanh Plaza. This was a joint effort of our Unidos and Đoàn Kết programs.

Families who stopped by on June 11 took advantage of the health fair that offered free blood pressure checks, glucose screenings, mammograms, dental and vision care. Families also enjoyed learning about their Arlington Public Library. Many of them signed up for free library cards.

There was also an opportunity to meet officers from our new Auxillary Mounted Patrol Unit and firefighters from the Arlington Fire Department.

A true sense of community was visible as close to 100 people interacted with one another over pizza, cold drinks and snacks.

The East District would like to thank the combined efforts of David Dang, the owner of the Ben Thanh Plaza and Yen Nguyen, the president of the Tarrant County Asian American Chamber of Commerce. They helped to make this event a success.



Families lined up for free health screenings.



The East Police District sends a special thanks to the Ben Thanh Plaza and Tarrant County Asian American Chamber of Commerce for helping to make this event on June 11 a success for close to 100 Hispanic and Vietnamese families.



SAVE THE DATE!

FRIDAY, AUG. 5, 2016
The East Police District's Second Annual Multi-Cultural Celebration returns.

To participate, email Officer Natalia Aumedes or call 817-459-5817.



Every month, watch for a new crime prevention highlight from the East Police District. For more information, contact Crime Prevention Officer Natalia Aumedes at 817-459-5817 or Natalia.Aumedes@Arlingtontx.gov.

On Call WEST DISTRICT

When He Saw Illegal Activity, This Citizen Made the Right Call

Two West District patrol officers were recently dispatched to a 9-1-1 call inside of an apartment complex.

Upon arriving, a maintenance worker told officers what he saw in plain view as he entered a unit for inspection.

The man told officers he was surveying the property for damage from the recent storms. Flyers had been distributed to every tenant, informing them when the inspections would occur.

Apparently the tenant in this particular unit was too busy to read his flyer. Officers found his notice in a trash can.

On the kitchen counter, in plain view, was close to 70,000 pills and over 20 pounds of marijuana.

While officers were on scene, the tenant returned home and was immediately taken into custody.

Officers Maurice Phillips and Quinn Grimmert along with Sergeant Ray Polk conducted a thorough investigation of this apartment unit. They also found several guns and a large amount of cash.

This is another good example of what happens when a citizen sees illegal activity and reports it immediately to the police department.

An arrest was made and a large quantity of prescription drugs, narcotics and guns were confiscated, making this neighborhood a safer place for everyone to live, work and visit. Thanks for making the call.



If you see something, say something.
Informed, alert communities play a critical role in helping to keep our city safe.

To report suspicious activity, call 9-1-1. Describe what you observed, including **WHO** or **WHAT** you saw, **WHEN** you saw it, **WHERE** it occurred, and **WHY** it's suspicious.



Child safety is a national priority. Become a child safety champion. Click [here](#) to get involved.

Arlington Police Department reminds motorists to slow down in neighborhoods and near parks where children are playing and riding bikes.

The speed limit is 30 MPH.

Avoid distractions inside the vehicle. Be alert at all times. **TEXTING WHILE DRIVING IS AGAINST THE LAW.**

Watch for a new crime prevention highlight each month from the West Police District. For more information, contact Crime Prevention Officer Doug Glotfelty at 817-459-6072 or Doug.Glotfelty@Arlingtontx.gov.

Real Talk: Fake Weapons Are a Safety Concern for Police and Community

They look like the real thing. Even veteran officers have to look close to determine if the weapon in front of them is real or fake.

Across the country, police officers are seeing more crimes being committed with imitation weapons. Arlington is not immune from this public safety problem.

An officer sitting in his patrol car in April was approached by a teen with a weapon. Police reports say the 15-year-old pointed his weapon at the officer who was able to quickly knock

it out of his hand. It was determined that the teen's weapon was a BB gun replica.

On another 9-1-1 call, a fake weapon was used in the attempted robbery of a convenience store. Officers ordered the man to drop the weapon and he did. He was apprehended by police and charged with robbery.

Arlington detectives say fake weapons might seem "cool and fun to young adults, but they should never be displayed in public."

"Kids carrying fake weapons around pose a danger to themselves

and everyone around them," said Police Detective Sean Wheatley.

When caught with a fake weapon, the crime is as severe as illegally possessing a real weapon.

APD Media Sergeant Vanessa Harrison said the threat to public safety is real.

"Our message to the community is help us be advocates for stronger legislation that restricts the sale and manufacturing of replica guns. We want parents and guardians to talk with their children about gun safety and the risks involved with possessing a BB gun."



Arlington officers recovered stolen money and this fake weapon during a recent robbery.

30 Years Later, This Officer Still Reports for Duty

Officer John Morgan can remember a time when arriving to work meant calling the front desk at the main station to find out where to report for duty.

That was 30 years ago. Today, there's geographic policing, which places officers in an assigned area that allows them to get to know the people and places.

Officer Morgan joined APD when the police station was a one story building on West Main Street. This was before the Parks Mall. He said south of Interstate 20 was a two lane road, a rural haven for trespassing dove hunters.

Population growth and development has changed

the Arlington landscape, but Officer Morgan says his love for his city and police department remains unchanged.

"I tell people I'm too young to retire. I like the variety that comes with every new day on patrol. I like the people I work with a lot and the community is great."

On June 9, Officer Morgan was recognized by his city and police department for 30 years of service. There was a standing ovation at the Manager Meeting.

This father of two says he has no immediate plans to stop reporting for duty.

"I don't need to retire or go to work doing anything else," he said. "I like Arlington and the city it has become."



Officer Morgan has spent most of his 30 years on patrol except for an 8-year stint as a detective. He reports for duty everyday as a Day Shift Patrol Officer in the East Police District.

Thank You!



Backing the Blue

A child crime victim won't go hungry inside the Arlington Police Department thanks to a donation from the McDonalds Corporation.

McDonalds recently gave the APD Victim Services Unit Happy Meal gift cards. They also provided cards for adult meals.

APD Victim Services Supervisor Nikki Rosenboom said the donation will go a long way to helping individuals traumatized by crime.

The brother of a visually impaired man struck and killed by a fleeing motorist on June 4 was the recipient of one of the first McDonalds gift cards, Rosenboom said. He was homeless and spent much of his day with Victim Services counselors.

"We want to try and make everyone as comfortable as possible while they are here," Rosenboom said. "A good meal is a first step in helping to stabilize a very traumatic experience."

Tim Burke, vice president of Operations with McDonalds, said the corporate office was glad to give.

"Because McDonalds is in every community, this was another great opportunity for us to give back and make a difference," he said.

National Night Out and Project 365 Kickoff is July 23

Arlington is preparing for one of the biggest nights in crime prevention.

National Night Out returns Tuesday, Oct. 4 and registration is now open for Arlington neighborhoods planning to host a block party or community gathering.

National Night Out Coordinator Michelle Benjamin said the excitement

will kick off on Saturday, July 23 at the River Legacy Park Pavilion, 701 NW Green Oaks Blvd.

At this year's Project 365 program, APD will launch Operation Identification. This program involves engraving property with an identifying number, which allows the department to return stolen or lost property to the rightful owner.

"We are inviting the entire family to come out to the park on July 23, meet up with neighbors and learn more about National Night Out and Operation ID," Benjamin said.

Click [here](#) to register your neighborhood's National Night Out activity and to learn more about Operation ID.

On the Set With APD

High school seniors enrolled in UT-Arlington's Upward Bound Program this summer recently spent a day with the Arlington Police Department.

These students, all interested in pursuing careers in law enforcement, went behind the scenes of the Media Office to learn what it is like to be a police public information officer. During a scenario, they also spent time in front of a news camera.



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